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Frosh week a success

Parade, playfair and concert are frosh favourites

BY ADRIAN BAREK

The school year started off with a bang for approximately 700 frosh taking part in True Blue Orientation '03. The usual mix of cheering, sports, music, and mayhem heralded this year's frosh week. Organizers promised an improvement over the slump of frosh weeks that UTM has seen in years past and, according to the frosh, they delivered.

"It's been great. I've done a lot of stuff and met a lot of people. I hope to do this again next year as a frosh leader" Adam Tomulk, a humanities student said.

The week started slowly with the traditional welcome speeches and academic orientation seminars. The pace built up quickly with the screaming frenzy of Playfair and the SAC parade. The last day featured the first annual Frosh 5km Run/Walk as well as volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee and other sports at the Frosh Olympics. The week ended

on a loud note as *I Mother Earth* played an outdoor show to several hundred cheering fans - frosh and non-frosh alike. A problem with the generator prevented the scheduled opening act, *Fallen Year*, from performing.

Organizers of this year's frosh week listed communication, planning, and old fashioned hard work as the reason for the event's success. In addition, a greater degree of cooperation between the many student groups, volunteers, and U of T staff involved in running frosh week eliminated many of the problems from years past.

"I think frosh week has been fantastic this year. I'm really impressed with how it has come along," Rishi Chung, president of the UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC) said, "Last year we had problems with technical difficulties and not having the proper stage or auditorium to hold this venue. This year we don't have that problem at all. Organization has been great among all the student councils to get together and put this on for frosh."

Erindale's double cohort frosh week was a joint effort between the

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Heads Up Scarborough



U of T at Scarborough's raccoon mascot losses his head at the hands of rowdy UTM frosh at front campus last Friday. The raccoon's savage decapitation was a retaliatory attack after Scarborough frosh tore the head off our esteemed duck. This just goes to show, Erindalians are a fun bunch, but if you fuck with us, you'll be sorry. In the interests of sportmanship, the raccoon head was eventually returned - though no one is quite sure what happened to it's paw.

Photo/Mehraan Pavri

Sept. 11th marks 30th anniversary of UTM's only murder

Alumnus proposes memorial for slain Erindale student

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Sept. 11 will be forever remembered by millions as a tragic day for the terrorist attacks that killed thousands in New York City. For a select few in Ontario, however, this date will be remembered for a different tragedy. Thursday Sept. 11, 2003

marks the 30th anniversary of the only murder ever to occur at Erindale.

On Sept. 11, 1973, 19-year-old Constance Anne Dickey was the victim of a horrific crime in a secluded area of Erindale college. Dickey was a first year student from Prescott, Ontario who had not yet attended any classes and was visiting UTM to familiarize herself with the campus. Dickey was staying with her sister and brother-in-law in Toronto, and when she did not return that day, her brother-in-law reported her missing to Toronto police. Dickey's body was found five days later by Mississauga police in a heavily wooded area close to what is now parking lot four. She had been sexually assaulted, beaten, and strangled to death.

Nearly a year passed before anyone was charged with the crime. In that time, the city of Mississauga bore witness to two other crimes nearly identical to the one that Dickey was victim to. Neda Novak, an 18-year-old OAC student from Erindale High School, disappeared a month after Dickey was murdered. She was believed to have been hitch-hiking at the time of her disappearance. Novak's body was found six months later on May 8, 1974 in another secluded area near the Credit River in Streetsville. Even though she had been the victim of an attack nearly identical to Dickey, Peel Regional Police claimed that the two murders

were not connected.

On Aug. 19, 1974, Julie Sheldon, a 16 year-old visitor from Hampshire, England, accepted a ride from a man while walking north on Clarkson Road. The man drove Sheldon to a remote field near Winston Churchill Blvd. and Dundas St. where he sexually assaulted and stabbed her. A miraculous coincidence probably saved Sheldon from sharing the same fate as Dickey and Novak. A police cruiser responding to a nearby car accident scared off Sheldon's attacker when he heard the siren. Sheldon was then able to stagger to the road and get police help. Sheldon's description of her attacker and his car gave police the information they needed to apprehend him.

In the early morning hours of Aug. 20, 1974, then 24-year-old Henry Robert Williams was arrested by Peel Regional Police in his Streetsville home. He was charged with the murders of Constance Dickey and Neda Novak, as well as the attempted murder of Julie Sheldon. Williams was later convicted of all three crimes and sentenced to three consecutive life sentences. After his conviction, Williams raised much controversy regarding the treatment of dangerous offenders after he voluntarily requested to be castrated. His request was not granted on the grounds that there was insufficient scientific evidence that the procedure would have benefi-

cial effects.

While a few staff members have worked at Erindale long enough to remember the events following the discovery of Dickey's body, the vast majority of the campus community has never heard of the event. While forgetting a crime that occurred thirty years ago doesn't seem unusual, at least one Mississauga resident is upset that UTM does not remember Constance Anne Dickey. Sidney Knowles, an Erindale alumnus, graduated in 1983 and has lived in Mississauga all his life. In a letter to *The Medium* Knowles writes,

"There is no plaque or memorial at the Erindale Campus in memory of Constance Anne Dickey. Perhaps the university can only deal with the problem of violence against women as an abstract theoretical concept. Or perhaps the university would rather forget about the brutal murder of a young female student that occurred on the Erindale campus. The problem is if we forget about Constance Anne Dickey we're also forgetting that behind the statistics that record the murders of women there is always the pain and suffering of an individual woman - a real human being has been killed."

Knowles wrote a similar letter expressing his concern to UTM principal Ian Orchard. Orchard responded to Knowles with a letter of his own acknowledging the tragedy and

Knowles' concern. Orchard stated that it would not be "appropriate" to establish a memorial "at this late a date." Knowles was not impressed by Orchard's response.

"I find the actions of the university puzzling. Constance Dickey was an Erindale student who was murdered because she was a woman who happened to be on the Erindale campus at the same time as a serial killer. For five days, Constance Dickey's body lay on the Erindale campus. The unfortunate death of Constance Dickey is part of the history of UTM whether the university wishes to admit to it or not. By trying to ignore the past, the university - or at least Orchard - comes across as not caring either about Constance Dickey as a person or the larger problem of violence against women."

Orchard responded to Knowles' accusations by stating, "The university takes violence against women as a very serious societal problem, and does not try to ignore the past. Each year, we hold a memorial on the day of the Montreal massacre, reflecting our hope that violence against all women will stop. I, along with others, spoke at the event last year, at our flagpole, where candles were laid.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It makes me feel warm and fuzzy."

- ECSU President Adil F. Mirza, upon hearing that the majority of frosh had a great frosh week

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Erindale College Student Union (ECSU), the Students' Administrative Council (SCAC), the Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS), Student Centre Events, and UTMAC. Relations between the various groups seemed better than ever this year.

"This is the first time during a frosh week that I went downtown and I was in the SAC office and wasn't yelling at anyone" Sean O'Connell, ECSU's Vice President of Finance said.

Frosh opinion of their orientation week seemed overwhelmingly positive, another break in the tradition of the last few years.

"It makes me incredibly happy

to hear that the frosh have been enjoying themselves. I'm very pleased by the fact that the frosh weren't swarming us while downtown and saying they were sick and tired of it" Katherine Kormos, ECSU's services coordinator said.

Watching from the sidelines as a sea of frosh linked arms and stamped their feet at Playfair, first year CCIT student Aya Aboutaha said,

"I'm pretty excited. I liked the games best, they were very creative. I'm looking forward to meeting as many people as I can and having as much fun as I can."

The majority of frosh named the parade and Playfair as their favourite events, though some complaints were voiced regarding

delayed buses and a trip to the Rinx Entertainment Complex in North York..

"I've been told by everyone that has been to university before that

"The turn out has been very good. The level of involvement by students, the numbers of questions and participation is great"
- Mark Overton

frosh week is a once in a lifetime thing that you have to do. The parade yesterday was the best; representing our school and cheer-

ing against other schools" Mark Wright, a first year Management Major said, "Rinx was not as much of a success as I think it was supposed to be. Too many people and not enough to do. Wonderland or Playdium would have been better. But considering the amount of people involved in frosh week, I think it was well organized."

Commerce student Gabriel Didiano stated,

"It's been fun. The parade was the highlight. What other university can say they have a parade? I didn't like Rinx - it's like Playdium but for people, say, seventy years older. The Playfair was cool too, it was a great way to meet people but of course I can't remember anybody's name. The pub was pretty nice, but it'll be even nicer when it goes wet."

For international student Anvar Rodrigues, frosh week was a foreign and fun experience.

"For me frosh week is totally new. I enjoyed it fully. You get to meet everyone and everyone is friendly. I don't know Canada and with frosh week I got to go places I'd never been before, like Toronto. I think frosh week is good for international students that are coming here so they can get acquainted with the place. The bus trips were delayed on Friday night and I didn't like that. We got on an early bus and it took forever to leave."

"The turn out has been very good. The level of involvement by students, the numbers of questions and participation is great" said Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs.

Frosh kits provided first-years with the usual plethora of pamphlets, cheap product samples, band-aids, t-shirts, and of course, condoms and lube.

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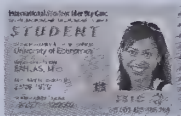
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If you're happy and you know it grab a stranger...frosh hold hands and smile at Playfair. The team-spirit building event features hundreds of students coming together as one living mass of frosh. Cheering, clapping, high-fiving, and bodies entwined in ways not socially acceptable outside of frosh week are hallmarks of Playfair. Somebody give these ladies a standing ovation!



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New website fights e-harassment

UTM participates in pilot program

BY ANDREA CIVICHINO

Sarah Gallagher remembers the time she received her first threatening email. After her political science lecture, she went to the library to use a computer. Sitting in her mailbox was an unwanted message waiting for her to read.

"The message was from someone I had chosen to end a relationship with," Gallagher said. "The person had a difficult time accepting my decision to end ties with and after repeatedly ignoring that person's phone calls, I was sent a threatening message to get my attention...and it worked."

Electronic communication has become an integral part in the way we interact with colleagues, classmates, professors and friends. Although this phenomenon offers many advantages of ease and convenience, it offers potential dangers. Under University policy, electronic communication that is persistent, repeated, abusive or obscene may be harassment.

To deal with the growing threat of email harassment, UTM volunteered to participate in a pilot project. Enough (dealing with harassing electronic messages) is a source of information, resources and suggestions on how to deal with online harassment. The web

s i t e (www.utm.utoronto.ca/enough) also helps recipients of unwanted email or other electronic communication to assess the level of threat and offers tips on how to take action to bring the harassment to an end.

According to Paddy Stamp, a U of T Sexual Harassment Officer with the Sexual Harassment Education, Counselling and Complaint Office, 70% of complaints her office receives are because of email communication.

"Email communication can be very dangerous because it is so wide spread," Stamp said. "One message can circulate to a thousand people...the whole university

"I was sent a threatening message to get my attention...and it worked."

- Sarah Gallagher

needed to address this growing concern."

Stamp thinks there are several incidents of email abuse that go unreported because people are worried about keeping their anonymity.

Gallagher confirmed Stamp's assessment. Although she received a few more emails from her unwanted sender, she failed to report the incident.

"I guess I felt powerless and embarrassed. I didn't know who to

turn too."

The web site is equipped with information for students and faculty to handle the situation themselves. If the messages are threatening, offensive or frightening, the recipient of the unwanted message can report the incident to UTM police, Community Safe, Sexual Harassment, Race Relations and Anti-racism or Human Resources for U of T employees.

"You can remain completely anonymous when visiting the site," Stamp said. "Finding out information doesn't commit you to anything."

Unfortunately, the university cannot help with eliminating spam; those annoying messages and direct links that clutter email boxes and consume storage space. Stamp suggested that spam messages should be deleted and encourages students not to respond to them because it informs the sender that the email address is active. She said that spam should be ignored, unless students or staff believes they are being specifically targeted.



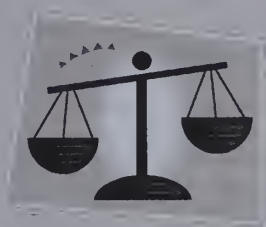
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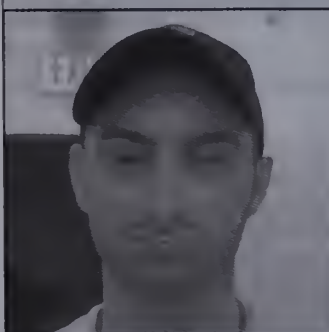
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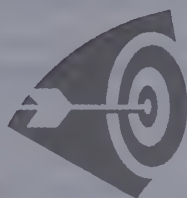
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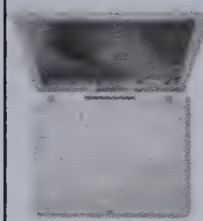
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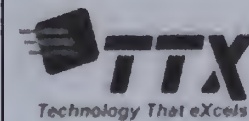
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Two sides to memorial story

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and I also participated in a reflective meeting in the student centre where words, poems and music were used in our reflections.

Many members of the UTM community participated, indicating the importance we all place on the problem of violence against women."

When asked whether he thinks a memorial in Dickey's name is in order, Orchard responded,

"Memorials or remembrances of tragic events such as these would normally be initiated by or in consultation with family members. Families respond differently to tragedies and one must respect their privacy or wishes."

Dickey's parents declined to speak with Medium staff.

Knowles offered several suggestions of actions that UTM could take to honour Dickey's memory.

"The university can buy a plaque and dedicate a tree, or a flower garden, or a common room. Hopefully, there will be individuals and groups at Erindale who - unlike the university - recognize the significance and importance of the life of Constance Dickey and all other victims of violence."

Students at Erindale agree that a memorial is in order but also acknowledge the need to respect

family wishes.

"I think it's very nice of Knowles to come forward as a stranger and express concern and acknowledge something like this. I think it would be a good idea to create some kind of memorial for Dickey. Of course, we don't know the situation with the family. Maybe they're not over it, maybe they want to put it in the past; but at the same time a memorial would serve as a kind of recognition towards their child. I would love to know why the principal doesn't want to establish a memorial. Has he contacted the family?" Marta Klopotoska, a first year crime and deviance student said.

"The university can buy a plaque and dedicate a tree, or a flower garden, or a common room."
- Sidney Knowles

"I think Orchard just wants to put it in the past. He probably doesn't want to bring it up since a lot of people haven't heard of it" Izabela Zandberg, a first-year French student said, "There are a lot of other things around campus that are acknowledged way more and don't have as much significance as this.

The residences are named after people who used to work here, there are banners hanging everywhere with famous people who attended U of T on them."

Orchard reminded the campus community that he was not present thirty years ago and must assume that no memorial was established because of the family's wishes. He went on to say that establishing a memorial at this point in time might resurrect the pain and suffering of a tragedy that Dickey's family hopes to leave in the past.

Third year economics student Collin D'souza feels that not taking action today is irresponsible of the university,

"It's never too late to do something like this (establish a memorial). The university should speak to the family and ask them their views and how they'd like it to be handled. Knowing that a lot of people do care, I'm sure the family would be for something like this. It should give them some satisfaction to know that their daughter is being remembered."

Sid Peddinti, a second year economics student agrees.

"This did happen in the past, but you learn from the past. It's important that people are aware that this happened."

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While many first-year students were drooling at their brand-spanking new Erindale Hall residence, some upper-year students living on Leacock Lane found themselves locked out of their houses. New electronic locks installed on the doors were missing their batteries and would not open the doors. photo/Adrian Barek

Smooth sailing for first-years moving into residence

Erindale Hall opens for business

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Last Tuesday was move-in day for first-year UTM residence students. Around 600 students made their way to campus with families and luggage in tow to move into one of six residences. This day also marked the unceremonious opening of UTM's newest residence building, Erindale Hall.

At one point, cars stretched all the way from Coleman House out the north entrance and down Mississauga Road to the main entrance of campus. Despite long lines, most students and families reported a well-organized and efficient move-in process.

"The whole process has been very smooth thus far. From the application right until this point, move-in day, has been so far so good. Some traffic as expected but smooth otherwise," Helen Sahga, who drove from Ottawa to move her daughter, Natasha, into Erindale Hall, said.

Director of residence, Chris McGrath, credited advance planning on the part of Paul Handley, assistant director of residence facilities, for the efficiency of car passage through campus.

"Paul looked after traffic flow and logistics. One particular feature of the design that I think contributed a lot was having every-

body come in one entrance. That streamlined everything" McGrath said.

Cars entered the campus at the north entrance and were directed south on Residence Road. Students then signed-in at

"I really like the new building, especially the greenness of the campus. I love it here so far."
- Sara Ageorlo

Coleman house, received their keys and were directed to the appropriate residence phase. Upon arrival, volunteers helped remove all the student's belongings from the vehicle and parents were then asked to drive their car to permanent parking spaces in lot four. This arrangement of numerous volunteers, prominent signs, continuous traffic flow and the patience of students and their families resulted in a moving day that appeared to be a positive experience for nearly all involved.

Fourth year psychology student Melanie Johnstone helped her younger sister move into Erindale Hall,

"The move-in was organized very well. I remember when I moved into Phase Six it was everybody grabbing their stuff and running up stairs," Johnstone said, "Compared to what I had to go through when I

moved in, I think this year was much better. It is so exciting to see my sister doing now what I did three years ago. I was nervous for her to start today but it's really neat to see her coming and doing the exact same thing that I did."

Johnstone's younger sister Rachel, a 1st year social sciences student, echoed her older sister's enthusiasm,

"The move in has gone very well. The building is gorgeous, I love it. My sister has helped me a lot. I had no idea what to do or where to go; it was great to have her to help me and give me some direction. I really like the campus and the residence; especially the set up where I can have my own room.

This year, a greater emphasis on names instead of numbers has been employed by residence administration to give distinctive character to the various sections of residence. What was once known commonly as Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3, and so on up to Phase 7 are now referred to using their proper names. In numerical order of phase the names are; Schriber-Wood, McLuhan Court, Putnam Place, Leacock Lane, McGrath Valley, Roy Ivor Hall, and Erindale Hall. Additionally, sections within each phase have been given themes based on Canadian wildlife. The Polar Bears, the Mighty Muskrats, the Beavers, and the Linx are a few of the summer camp-inspired themes

present throughout residence.

Breanne Wyrobucci, a first-year psychology student living in Erindale Hall reported that residence orientation was similar in feel to the residence themes,

"The residence stuff was campish. We sat down and played cow tipping tag. It was fun but it was really campy. I had fun but I know a lot of people who didn't enjoy it." McGrath acknowledged that not everyone in residence would warm up to the themes. He remains confident that the themes will foster a sense of community among the different sections of residence.

Rachael Gerry, a residence don in the Mighty Muskrat section of Erindale Hall said,

"All the residences are themed now and mine is the mighty muskrats. The mighty muskrats are the awesomeist, awesomeist, animal. My frosh are enthusiastic and happy to be here. They're pumped!"

Names and themes aside, the general consensus among residence students in Erindale Hall is that they like the building and are happy to get settled in. Sara Ageorlo, a first year political science student said,

"I really like the new building, especially the greenness of the campus. I love it here so far."

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Sim Simma, who's got the keys to my...? First-year residence students wait patiently in line at Coleman house to register and receive the keys to their units. photo/Mehraan Pavar

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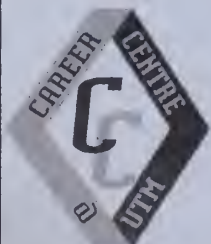
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Remembering a life

As the nation prepares to mourn the tragic loss of the lives lost in the Sept. 11 World Trade Centre terrorist attacks, we at UTM fail to mourn a tragedy that happened in our own backyard on the very same day, 30 years ago.

On Sept. 11, 1973, police made a grim discovery of the body of a shy 19-year-old who came to Toronto to prepare for her enrollment at Erindale College. She made arrangements for living accommodations and was to move into quarters in the Credit Valley School of Nursing. She was expected to phone her sister with this information some time during the day and arrange for her luggage to be sent to her new address.

Like any new student, Constance Anne Dickey was probably excited to embark on a new phase in her young adult life. But, everything she ever worked towards was taken away by a man with sexual sadism.

Although Principal Orchard is fairly new to UTM, there are other faculty members who have worked on campus as old as the murder, yet many have no recollection of the unfortunate event.

Early in the week, Sidney Knowles, a UTM alumnus, arbitrarily slipped a letter under *The Medium* office door to denounce UTM's failure to recognize the young woman's life. No matter how many years have gone by, "a real human being has been killed."

In a response to Knowles' letter, Principal Orchard said too much time has elapsed. Once a person dies, is their existence totally forgotten?

Orchard acknowledges that the university takes violence against women seriously and makes an effort to not forget the past. Yet, how does a university such as U of T forget about the only murder to ever happen on this campus?

Orchard is right in some respect. U of T does acknowledge the past. Just look at the banners hanging throughout the university and adorning from the lamp posts around the community. They are show piece items of successful U of T graduates. Perhaps if Constance was given a chance, her picture would be proudly hanging amongst other success stories.

Every year, UTM acknowledges the death of 14 women, murdered for the simple reason they dared pursue a career in a profession that was traditionally claimed by men. It was a tragedy that unleashed legislative change, research and new attitudes towards violence against women. The memorials held each year in December, commemorate the lives of the 14 ambitious women.

Spanish-American philosopher, poet and humanist George Santayna wrote, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

The university is choosing what we should remember and what should be forgotten.

The unfortunate death of Constance Dickey is part of the history of UTM whether the university wishes to admit to it or not. By trying to ignore the past, the university - or at least Orchard - comes across as not caring either about Constance Dickey as a person or the larger problem of violence against women.

In order to correct the past and prepare for the future, we need to revisit the past. We should acknowledge both the good and the bad.

Even if UTM fails to recognize the loss of a precious young, innocent woman, The Medium remembers.

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Lest we forget...

This tree is planted
in memory of
Constance Anne
Dickey
UTM student



Senior student shares wisdom

Dear Editor,

As a long time student at UTM, I understand that it may be tough for new students adjusting to a new environment. Whether you are a student who transferred from another university or a Frosh student, feel free to take a look at my top ten list for making your first year a lot smoother and more enjoyable for years to come.

10. Free is very affordable.

Don't think that you always need lots of cash to enjoy university life. There are many free services on campus to help your academic career such as the Academic Skills Centre in the South Building and the Career Centre for job advice and workshops. Keep an eye out for student appreciation days. Take advantage of free events hosted by the various clubs on campus. There are also affordable deals like cheap beer and wings at the Blind Duck Pub and used book sales by ECSU and the Chinese Student Association. Cheap is good!

9. Get involved in the Club life.

There are all sorts of clubs you can join to meet new friends, get help for school, or share similar interests and cultures. The Student Centre is home to club offices. If clubs are not your thing, try joining a sports team on campus or form your own team to play in one of UTM's intramural leagues. Drop by the Physical Education office to pick up a calendar.

8. Money to be had, experience to be gained.

Need a bit of pocket money this year? Why not get a job on campus! The Career Centre has a list of jobs offered at school and within the community. The Physical Education department is always hiring scorekeepers, referees and commissioners for their leagues. They will even train you. If you're looking to build the resume, volunteer opportunities are everywhere. SAC and ECSU are always looking for students to add to their volunteer pool.

7. Be ready for line-ups.

During the first two weeks of school expect line-ups. You may be reading this paper right now while waiting in

line. Whether you're waiting at the bookstore, the registrar's office, Tim Horton's or for a parking spot, plan your time wisely so you are not late for class or a later engagement.

6. Get in the know.

Be aware of what is happening on campus. You'll be surprised what can affect you. The Medium, our student publication and VIBE, our radio station, are the media sources on campus. They are always looking for volunteers. The Erindale College Council is one of the big forums on campus and have spots open to vote on many school issues. ECSU and SAC also hold public forums every so often. Lastly, there are many scholarly seminars you can attend. Students, professors or special guests make presentations that will give some new knowledge on a variety of topics.

5. Get to know the Professors and T.A.s

These are probably not the type of friends you had in mind, but getting to know them helps you in your courses and you'll even meet new friends. They all have office hours and email addresses. Make sure you get that information so you know when and where to contact them for help.

4. Manage your time.

Being on time is very important so you don't miss a thing. Even with the 10 minute leeway before classes, try not to go beyond that. Arriving to class late is a disruption for other students. On the other end, don't come too early and peak your head in to see if a class is still in session because this is also very bothersome. Being on time can also help you get a good seat. Managing time also helps balance busy schedules. I know I couldn't balance sports, school, clubs and home life if I didn't manage my time

wisely. Just being a little organized can save lots of time.

3. Never be afraid to ask for help.

As mentioned before, you can get help at the Academic Skills Centre or at the Career Centre. There's also a new Mentorship Program by SAC to help Frosh team up with senior students to ask questions about school. Finally, if you get lost at UTM, don't feel bad about asking another student or faculty member. I've been here long and still ask sometimes.

2. Meet young and old.

Whether it's your first year student or in your last year of studies, it doesn't mean you can't mix. You can learn a lot from each other. Clubs also hold cross-club events, where you can meet other club members. ECSU holds many cultural or theme weeks to sample new experiences. It's an opportunity to meet students of all ages. The sports teams are a mix of veterans and rookies that share valuable team skills while winning for UTM. Finally the Blind Duck Pub has pub nights, which are a great way to mingle with other UTM students.

1. All school and no play makes you a dull boy (or girl).

Most of all, have fun this year! School spirit is needed and anyone can supply it. Take the initiative to sport school colours, support the teams and attend events. There are lots to do and see, only if you're willing to put an effort in participating. Enjoy your year everyone!

"Relax. What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind!" -From The Simpsons

Chow for now!
Yours truly,

Jon Lee

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FEATURES

WELCOME TO A BRAND NEW YEAR AT UTM!!!

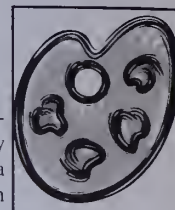
The lines are long all around the campus: Registrar's office, parking, the bookstore... The residence students are moved in. The frosh now have the hang of the campus, more or less (if you're a little lost, just ask around; other students will gladly help you out). Another great year at UTM has begun!

Don't forget all the student services and clubs that are ready to help you cope with whatever comes your way, and have fun while you're at it! Check out last week's issue for additional clubs and services information. Also, keep your eyes peeled for Clubs Week during the second week of class.

And we're off...

Johanna Kristolaitis, Features Editor

Blackwood Art Gallery



The Blackwood Gallery is an exhibition centre for some of the most interesting contemporary artists today. In addition to showing drawing, painting and sculpture, the gallery presents exhibitions of contemporary media such as video, performance, and multi-media installations. Located in the Kaneff Centre, the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

From September 11 to October 5, 2003, come by and see the exciting new exhibition *Godzilla vs. Skateboarders*: Skateboarding as a critique of social spaces. The artists, architects and skateboarders whose work is included in the exhibition come from across Canada, Mexico and Australia. They use the culture and practice of skateboarding as a means to critique architecture, and the values constituted by social spaces. Their works include models, provisional architecture, drawings for public projects, multi-media works incorporating a video game, as well as video documentation of various skate sessions.

This exhibition is one of many stops on the Doors Open Mississauga tour this weekend. The tour allows people to experience many cultural aspects of the city, free of charge. For more information, visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca.

Join us for an Opening and Lecture, with free food on Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m. Curator Anthony Kiendl talks about "Godzilla vs. Skateboarders" and other projects. The talk is followed by the opening/reception to 10 p.m.

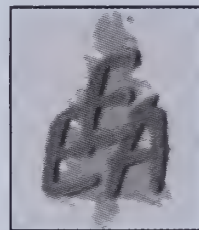
In addition to presenting exhibitions of artists from around the world, the Blackwood Gallery showcases the work of Graduating students in the collaborative Art and Art History program at Sheridan College and the University of Toronto at Mississauga (usually from April through May).

Introduce yourself to the gallery assistants, who will introduce you to the gallery, the exhibitions, and to such career-development opportunities as volunteering or Work-Study positions.

Later in the fall, watch for the big soundtracks exhibition, from October 23 to December 14.

Go GREEN with EEA!

The Erindale Environmental Association (EEA) promotes environmental action and awareness at the campus and community level. The protection of our environment is becoming an increasingly important goal in everyday life. The damage done to the world around us sometimes seems too great to repair, and it is easy to get discouraged. But by starting small and working together, great accomplishments can be made.



Do you feel something needs to change in this community? Are you concerned about new developments on campus? ACT! Come by the EEA office in room 231 in the Student Centre and talk to us. We encourage new members, new ideas and constructive criticism. Sign up for our various action teams to complete green projects on campus, and watch for workshops and speakers on various environmental issues. Let's work together to make change for a greener tomorrow!

Forensics (IVNVI)

Gore, guts, and gallows' humour. Sounds like fun?

The Forensic (IVNVI) Society is composed of students who share an interest in the fascinating field of Forensic Science. Membership is open to everyone, not just students in the forensics program.

This year's event roster includes: Meet Your Professors Evening, Law & Disorder Day, Murder Mysteries, Movie Nights, and more! We also organize trips to the Coroner's Office, Coroner's Inquests, and the Centre of Forensic Sciences. In addition, don't miss your chance to attend forensics-related conferences across North America with your fellow students.

Visit us at our office, Room 235, located upstairs in the Student Centre. Write to us at utmforensics@yahoo.ca. See us at our table during Clubs Week. But most importantly, join us for a year of bloody good fun!



ACE

The Anthropology Club of Erindale (ACE) is for everyone interested in the fields of physical and cultural anthropology and archaeology. As a member, you have access to club meetings, trips to museums and archaeological sites, an extensive library, past tests and a chance to meet other students interested in anthropology! Come see us during Clubs Week or email us at: utmanthro@yahoo.ca

P.A.U.S.E.

Whether you're simply interested in psychology or need help to pass, the Psychology Association of Undergraduate Students at Erindale (P.A.U.S.E.) is the club for you!

We offer many services to help you with your psychology studies. You can rent old tests for nearly every psychology course offered at UTM. For first year students, we offer a PSY 100 test package (which includes last year's textbook and lecture tests) and host various academic skills seminars throughout the year. Our executives also hold regular office hours and are willing to answer your questions or offer advice about psychology at UTM.

This year we have also planned lots of social events, such as a Variety/Talent night, general meetings with free food, a daffodil cancer drive, seminars—and more! Do you want to get involved at UTM? We are always looking for volunteers to hold office hours!

Look for our table at Clubs week or visit our office in 1099 SB (PUMP Room).

Think Psychology. Think P.A.U.S.E.

Math

The Erindale Math Club would like to welcome all new and returning students to another great year at UTM. The Erindale Math Club is for anyone who takes math courses or just fancies themselves a natural mathematician!

We provide:

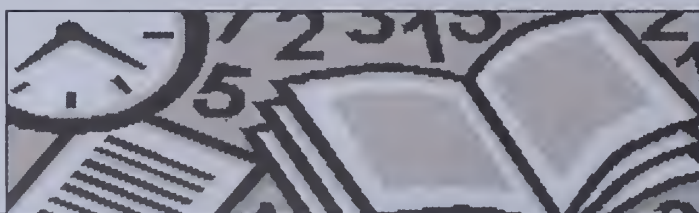
Access to old tests

Opportunities to get to know your Math professors or T.A.'s casually

Many other fun activities such as ski-trips and a night of laser quest!

The Erindale Math Club is a great club with a minimum membership fee.. We look forward to helping you!

Email: erindalemath@yahoo.ca



Facility Resources

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To serve the campus community's needs for the development, renovation, operation and maintenance of UTM facilities and services.

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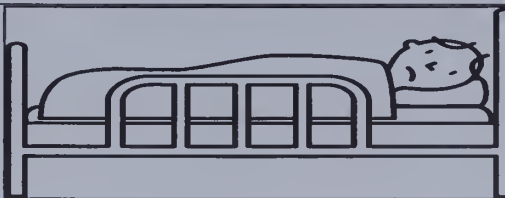
Health Service

The Health Service is happy to welcome new and returning students to the Mississauga campus. Located just around the corner from the bookstore on the lower level of the South Building, your Health Service is open Monday to Friday from 9am. During the fall and winter terms we offer extended evening hours to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and close at 5 p.m. on Monday and Friday.

The Health Service is staffed by registered nurses on a daily basis with family physicians and consulting psychiatrists available by appointment. A wide variety of services are available such as first aid, immunizations, allergy injections, health counseling, pregnancy tests, birth control, morning after pill, annual health examinations and health insurance information. Some over the counter medications are available to students at no cost and immunizations, birth control pills and certain other prescription medications are provided at very low cost.

Staff members are knowledgeable, friendly and approachable, always interested and willing to hear your concerns, to provide support, information and referral if necessary.

In addition the Health Service cosponsors and participates in health promotion and educational events on campus and looks forward to student participation on these occasions.



Office of the Registrar

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The professional staff in the Office of the Registrar are available to assist you with questions, concerns and information regarding your academic experience at UTM, in person or online. This includes:

— Registration: degree requirements; UTM rules and regulations; graduation requests; maintaining student records; calendar interpretation; exams, petitions and appeals; certification letters and authorization to attend other universities as a visiting student.

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— Academic Advising, Financial Aid Information and Personal Counseling: Make scheduled and/or drop-in appointments for confidential advising and counseling in person or by phone.

— Recruitment and Admissions Information: high school, transfer and visiting student information as well as UTM campus tours are offered.

The Office of the Registrar has a comprehensive website (www.utm.utoronto.ca/reg) including publications, deadlines, and all academic rules and regulations regarding UTM. If you can't find the answer to your question online please visit the office for further assistance. To reduce the amount of time you may wait in line, please insure you bring all documentation needed for the staff to help you efficiently.

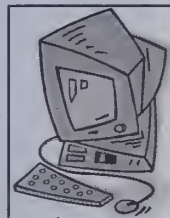
Computing Services

Mission Statement:

To facilitate the effective use of information technology by Erindale College students, faculty and staff through the provision of high quality computing facilities at the Centre and the delivery of the best possible hardware and software advice and support to achieve excellence in undergraduate education.

In furthering this goal, Erindale College provides computer accounts to all its students. The computer accounts (UNIX, PC, and/or MAC) are provided for your use only, and only for academic use. Account sharing is forbidden.

Before you may use your accounts on the Erindale computers you must bring your student card to Rm.2045 located in the South Building. There is a self-serve terminal for student account creation. You will be asked to read and agree to a contract containing certain terms and conditions, most of which have to do with being polite, neat, and not using your account for any purpose that may harm others, or Erindale College. By agreeing to the contract you are agreeing that if you violate any of its terms and conditions your account may be disabled. These accounts are a privilege, as well as a right at Erindale. Please treat their use with respect.



SAA

On behalf of the South Asian Alliance Executive Committee, we welcome you to a brand new and exciting year.

The South Asian Alliance (SAA) is a student organization created to represent diversity, encourage success, and increase the awareness of the South Asian culture with an underlying theme of unity.

Some of our social gatherings this year include our back to school jam, Diwali dinner, the SAA sports tournament, the SAA at UTM ski trip, the February formal, and the Western Culture show!!!

In the past, SAA has taken part in a number of charity events and last year we were able to implement our scholarship fund, awarding a scholarship to one of our members.

Our membership fee is \$5. This gives you SAA e-mails on all of our upcoming events, our semi-annual SAA newsletter, first priority on all of our tickets sales, and a \$5 discount for every event you purchase tickets for.

During the second week of school, you can find us inside the Student Centre for membership sign-up. Over the course of the year, we hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of you. If you would like to take an active role within SAA, please contact us.

Contact Information: Serena Chhabra and Sandeep Kler

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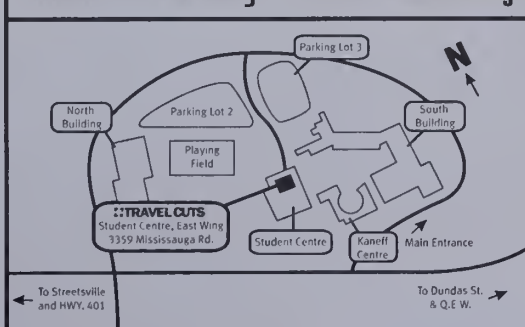


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We provide various social and academic events such as the annual welcome back BBQ, year-end formal, Caribbean/Black History month celebrations, and political and educational discussions. Also, commencing this year, we will be holding an annual charity culture show and after party intended to raise money for a scholarship fund.

The events listed are a sample of the recognized annual events that have made our club a success. We encourage not only our members to come out, but welcome the U of T community at large to experience what our club has to offer.

We intend to continue to actively promote and contribute to the diversity at the University of Toronto, and with your ongoing support, look forward to another successful year.

Sincerely
Nadine Chandoo (President)



Women's Centre

The Erindale Women's Centre is a non-profit organization run by students at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. We were founded in 1996 as a place where women and men can feel free to talk openly about issues without being judged and to receive support from others. Over the years, this concept has stayed but as well we now hold various fundraisers, and events with other campus groups.

Projects over past years have included Breast Cancer Awareness Week, International Women's Day, a December 6 Memorial, helping women's shelters through the Clothesline Project, participating in Canada's programs opposing violence against women, movie nights in the Colman Lounge, food bank appeals, clothing appeals, as well as Arts nights. Our funding comes from students fees and all money raised goes towards charity.

Weekly meetings are held at the centre (Room 131D, North Building), where all are welcome to discuss upcoming events and issues.

Services we offer:

- referrals and information on several women's issues
- a library of women/gender studies and sociology books
- lounge for discussing women's issues, studying, and warming up food
- year-round food and clothing collection for various organizations
- free candies/chocolate
- friendly and knowledgeable staff who will listen to you

WGSAG effected for changes to Women's/Gender Studies

BY EDNA TOTH

In April of 2003, students in Women's/Gender Studies (WGS) heard rumours that their program was in jeopardy of being cut from UTM's curriculum.

Though 28 women currently enrolled at UTM chose WGS as their major and 45 more selected it as a minor area of study, there appeared to be little support for the program. No faculty member would assume the responsibility to run it.

UTM hired new instructors each year since the program began in 1995 but none of these instructors stayed for a significant period of time. This lack of continuity meant less cohesive vision for the program, less possibility of course expansion within the program, and little attention to small administrative details.

For instance, WGS was listed under "ERT" (for Erindale) in the course calendar, making it difficult to find the course listings. Women's Studies had no listing in

the public telephone directory and no booklet listed courses that "counted" for WGS.

Continuity was out the window for the 9th straight year when the session instructors for 2002-03 succumbed to the smooth talk of other institutions, and left to teach elsewhere.

In response, a group of students from the senior course ERI300 (one of two official WGS courses at the time) exchanged e-mail addresses, dubbed ourselves the WGS Action Group, and sent e-mails to everybody in faculty or administration considered to be supportive of women's issues and women's studies.

There was an overwhelming response. Of the thirty e-mails sent, the majority of faculty members replied offering their own opinions and thoughtful advice. They suggested to whom complaints should be made, how to phrase complaints, and exactly what to do to put Women's/Gender Studies back on track.

Encouraged by this display of interest from faculty, students met last March with Michael Lettieri, Associate Dean of Humanities at UTM. He immediately recognized the importance of the concerns about Women's Studies and took action before the meeting adjourned.

"Students met last March with Michael Lettieri. He immediately recognized the importance of the concerns"

Lettieri requested changes in the UTM course calendar just in time for inclusion in the 2003-04 issue, ordered a listing for WGS in the public phone book as soon as opportunity offers, and authorized printing a leaflet for the program. That was a good beginning.

Meanwhile, other concerned students at UTM felt that they, too, were overlooked in their areas of interest. With so much world attention currently focussed on the

Middle East and Islam, students noticed that Islam is only slightly touched upon in World Religion courses at UTM. It is entirely omitted from History, Politics, and other disciplines where it equally belongs.

The committee for "diversification of UTM courses" formed, supported by student organizations including the Student Administrative Council (SAC), Erindale College Student Union (ECSU), Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students (EPUS), Muslim Students Association (MSA), the Thaqalayn Muslim Association (TMA), the WGS Action Group and the Women's Centre.

Students met with Principal Ian Orchard and Vice-President Academic Cheryl Misak after acquiring more than 100 signatures on a petition. Together, they worked through the problems of the various constituencies simultaneously.

History professor Dr. Jan Noel was recently appointed coordina-

tor of Women's/Gender Studies. The program has continuity at last. Prof. Noel, who maintained contact with WGS and the Women's Centre through the many years of staff turnover, seems like the ideal person to run it.

The size of the WGS program doubled, with five new courses for 2003-04. One of the courses is a special topic - Gender in Islam. Student enrollment completely filled the course within a few days of its initial offering. Other courses are "Women in World Cultures" and "Immigrant and Refugee Women".

What's next? Concerned students continue to lobby for courses that address issues they find important. WGS Action Group and the Women's Centre are currently in discussions to implement a Women's Issues Library in the North Building. Finally, all the student groups will work together to bring in guest speakers on topics of interest.

What did frosh think of Frosh Week 2003?

BY JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

For new students, this past week has been packed with preparations for the school year, and official (and unofficial) Frosh Week events. So what did they think and feel about the whole thing? I stopped by the Mentorship Barbeque on Saturday afternoon to ask a few of the frosh.

What did you expect for Frosh Week, before you got here?

"I expected it to be kinda like Spring Break Daytona Beach. It's more like Spring Break Mississauga." - Clint Cairns, 17, Art and Art History

"I thought I'd be meeting new people, having lots of fun, and getting over nervousness." - Jassi Brar, 18, Sociology

"A lot of drinking. One big party. I thought I'd see people falling over, like in movies." - Adam Tomulka, 19, Humanities

"Parties." - Damian Yearwood, 19, History

What was the best part of Frosh Week?

"Representing our campus downtown and making fun of the other campuses. You know, showing pride in UTM." - Mark Wright, 19, Management

"The parade, especially when cars were honking and people responding." - Kim Berley, 19, Life Sciences

"The parade downtown, stopping traffic. It brought people together who've only known each other three days." - Tomulka

"Meeting so many new people, seeing new faces. Some people were from places I've never heard of." - Cairns

"Seeing the collective spirit of UTM students." - Aiji

What was the worst part of Frosh Week?



"There hasn't been one." - Helen Bahsious, 19, CCIT

"Probably the dry part. If you have ID you should be able to drink. But I guess it saves their ass." - Wright

"I think the buses to go home from the Rinx. They were packed, there weren't enough, people were pushing and shoving." - Brar

"Waiting for food." - Yearwood

How do you feel now about UTM and the year ahead of you?

"I've got a good impression of the school. I'm kinda ready to go now; Frosh Week builds energy." - Cairns

"I'm glad I met the people I met this week; I think we'll keep hanging out. I think it's going to be a good year." - Berley

"I was nervous at first, but now I'm used to the campus more. I met a lot of people, some with the same classes, so I'm looking forward to it." - Bahsious

"Great. I made the right choice, even though it was originally my last choice. Academically and spiritually, I think UTM is a good place to be." - Aiji

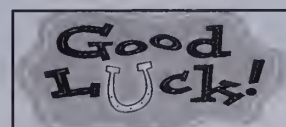
Any last words for UTM?

"I'd like to be a frosh leader next year. It's a lot like what I did in high school: I helped run camps for younger students." - Tomulka

"The frosh leaders did an amazing job. They made you feel welcome and comfortable around them." - Brar

"I love UTM! Mu-ah!" - Yearwood

"Good luck to everyone coming in!" - Aiji



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Record stays right on track

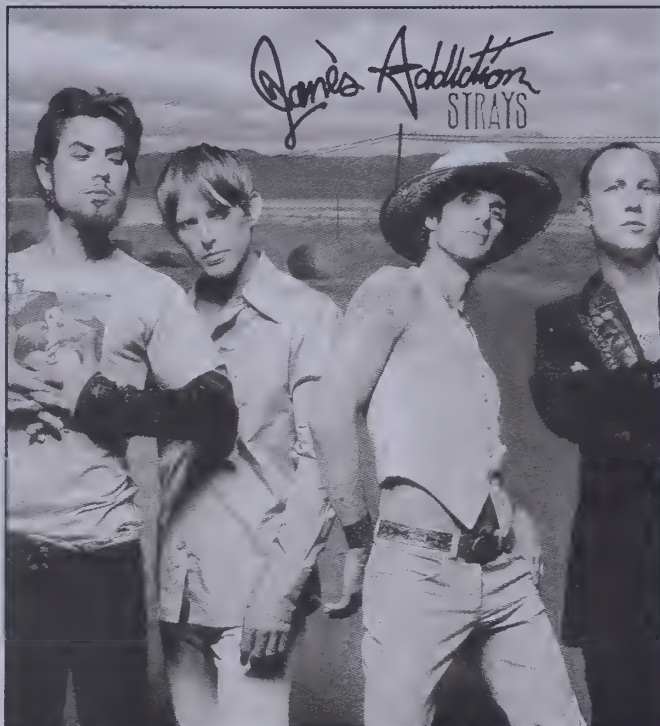
*Jane's Addiction
Strays
Capital Records
2003*

HERE WE GO! Three explosive words that strike a chord with any **Jane's Addiction** fan rekindle a non-stop rock affair that picks up right where 1990's *Ritual de lo Habitual* left off.

Strays is a distinct return to form for **Perry Farrell** and company: piercing and exotic vocals, deep progressive bass lines, lively drum work and **Dave Navarro's** energy.

The deceptively titled *Strays* doesn't wander too far off the proven Jane's path – the songs are original, emotive and catchy.

While *Strays* is not an attempt to break new ground for the band, the record's originality and depth stand as a reminder that alternative music need not reside in post-**Pearl Jam** stagnation. Stand out tracks include: *True Nature*, the radio hit 'Just Because', 'Price I Pay', 'Wrong



Girl', 'To Match the Sun' and the title track 'Strays'.

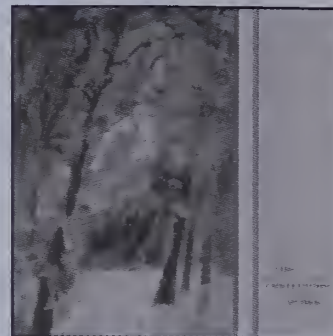
But rest assured that there is not a single bad song on what will prove to be one of the best

records of 2003 and what has to be one of the most welcome reunions in rock history.

-D. Viberater

Ensemble like no other

*The Polyphonic
Spree
The Beginning
Stages of...
Universal Music
Canada 2003*



The Polyphonic Spree, led by former **Tripping Daisy** front man **Tim DeLaughter**, is a 10 piece choir and 13 piece band, decked in white robes.

The Dallas, Texas ensemble is clearly like no other. They're an ongoing experiment consisting of one man's vision and the talent of accomplished musicians and voices.

Comprised of ten sections, the album *The Beginning Stages Of...* fits within the realm of **The Beach Boys**, **The Beatles** and the **Flaming Lips**. Their strong unit of harps, horns, guitars and vocals unite into lullabies, swaying and chanting.

Just by glancing at the song titles, you'll get a pretty good idea of what to expect. 'Reach

For The Sun,' 'Days Like This Keep Me Warm,' and 'La La' consist of merry, powerful, orchestrated pop. The album is natural medicine for a darkened heart.

If you're a little skeptical about the album's quality, try listening to the album as one track. Each track is difficult to stand out from the rest and the message of buoyancy gets lost among the synchronization.

Depending on your partiality for mid-70s AM radio, this album is either a blessing for your wounded soul or another album to re-sell to a second hand record shop. -**Andrea Civichino**

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Canadian band pumps up the volume

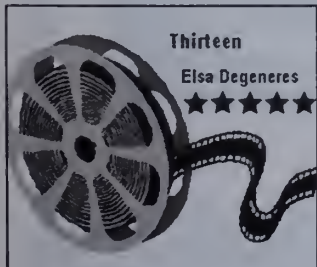


Good ol' fashioned rock and roll becomes soundtrack to Frosh Orientation 2003. I Mother Earth performed in front of an excited crowd on the new parking lot at UTM on Saturday night. The event, organized by ECSU and VIBE, ended the three day festivities which welcomed new students entering first year. *photo/Mehraan Pavri*

Thirteen proves an unlucky number and age for misguided young girl



Eighth-grader Evie Zamora, played by co-writer Nikki Reed, walks down a Los Angeles street with Tracy's brother. Evie makes Tracy corrupt through their friendship in 'Thirteen'. *internet photo*



Inspired by the real-life experiences of 13-year-old Nikki Reed (who also plays Evie), 'Thirteen' is the brainchild of director Catherine Hardwicke. To write the script, Hardwicke turned for help to her ex-boyfriend's teenage daughter, Reed, who she watched battling the pressures of sex, drugs

and popularity in middle school.

'Thirteen' loosely follows a period of Reed's own adolescence, and exhibits what it feels like to be a 13-year-old girl. The movie begins with Tracy (Evan Rachel Wood) and Evie engaging in a game of face slapping. The audience is then taken back in time a few months when innocent Tracy tosses her stuffed animals in the garbage out of frustration of being ignored at school by the popular girls. Tracy's bewildered mother (Holly Hunter) watches her helplessly.

Tracy seems a good student, but wants to fit in with the popular crowd. Her world begins to change when she starts hanging out with sexy and manipulative Evie

Zamora – the catalyst to Tracy's transformation. Upon meeting Evie, Tracy experiments with drugs, sex and body piercing.

Reed and Wood give stellar performances as two friends challenging their self-esteem against their peers and most importantly, each other.

The relationship between mother and daughter is very fitting. Hunter doesn't know whether she should be a friend or a parental figure – a thin line most mothers

struggle to cross. Hunter's inability to choose a relationship blinds her from seeing the crisis happening in her own home.

You are either young enough to remember throwing tantrums because your mother refused to let you stay out past your curfew, or old enough to worry about how your own daughter will one day handle the turbulent teenage years.

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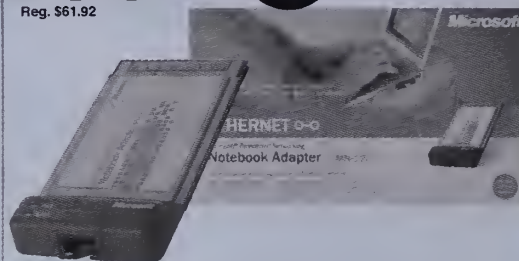
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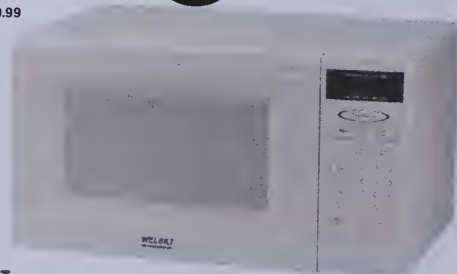
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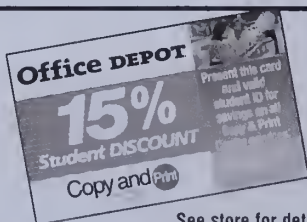
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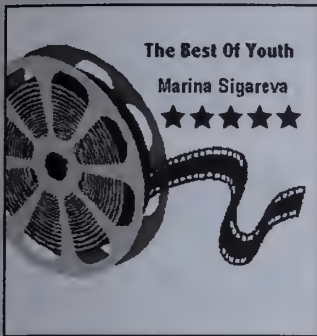
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Toronto International Film Festival showcases best of films



Certainly the longest film screening at the Toronto International Film Festival, and definitely one of the most ambitious, 'The Best of Youth' spans six and a half hours.

The story follows the lives of the Carati family in Italy from the late sixties to present day and focuses on the lives of brothers Nicola (played by Luigi Lo Cascio) and Matteo (Alessio Boni).

Through them, we meet the rest of the family – the father, Angelo, the mother, Adriana, older sister Giovanna, and younger sister Francesca.

A mentally ill girl, Giorgia, whom the brothers meet in their youth, changes their lives. Nicola becomes a psychiatrist, and Matteo leaves school to join the police.

They spend years trying to track her down after she escapes from their care.

The film is not without its romances. Giulia, whom Nicola meets during the heavy flooding in Florence, becomes his common-law wife. Matteo, meanwhile, meets Mirella.

Finally, the story shifts from Nicola and Matteo to those of their children.

Encompassing almost forty years, 'The Best of Youth' shows important events in Italy's recent history.

The characters deal with Sicily during its fight against the Mafia, Italy's national team play against Korea, Turin during the 70s, Milan in the 80s.

'The Best of Youth' has so many plots woven together. The film's charm and strength lies in its success to make all of them important and interesting.

The stories captivate, and the film takes time to explore all of them. While serious, there are enough humorous moments in the film to make it light-hearted, also. 'The Best of Youth' never seems morbid, only genuine.

The film's soundtrack fits perfectly. Both American and Italian music plays, fitting in nicely with the times and the



Main character Nicola Carati (Luigi Lo Cascio) looks on as a protester gets attacked in Italy in Marco Tullio Giordana's epic film 'La Meglio Gioventu'. The six-and-a-half hour film follows the lives of the Carati family, as they live through almost forty years of upheaval in Italy.

events. The music helps to make the film authentic.

The actors' performances, especially Alessio Boni as the rough but pained younger brother, seem flawless. The actors seem so real, their performances always so accurate.

Director Marco Tullio Giordana's attention to detail quickly becomes evident - wrinkles appear on the characters over time.

The different settings in the movie look breath-taking. Many parts of Italy can be seen, such as

Rome, Sicily, the volcanic island of Polermo, as well as Norway.

'The Best of Youth' possesses magic and beauty.

After watching the film, I felt dizzy. But perhaps this comes from sitting for six hours straight.

Superb cast acts out director's fantasy



'I Love Your Work', screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, is inspired by director and writer Adam Goldberg's own experiences with fame and celebrity stalkers.

The plot shows Gray Evans (played by Giovanni Ribisi), an eternally paranoid movie star, become obsessed with a young film student John (Joshua Jackson).

At home, Gray's year-old unstable marriage to Mia (Franka Potente) worsens since he fears she may be cheating on him with Elvis Costello.

Gray's world collapses as he delves deeper into his fantasy world. He sees celebrity stalkers around every corner and imagines reuniting with his ex-girlfriend Shana (Christina Ricci), whom he left after achieving fame and success.

Goldberg casts perfect actors in the roles. Giovanni Ribisi gives one of his best perfor-



Movie star Gray Evans (Giovanni Ribisi) bumps into his fan John (Joshua Jackson) in the bathroom at a restaurant, as Gray's ex-girlfriend Shana (Christina Ricci) looks on from inside the mirror. Eerie, no?

mances. His deep voice and movements articulate his discomfort in public. Elvis Costello's cameo appearance brings humour to the film.

Jason Lee plays an unusual yet excellent role as Gray's stalker. Only Joshua Jackson seems out of place. His performance seems somehow uneventful and familiar.

For the most part, Goldberg

performs exceptionally as director. The scenes of Gray and Mia entering film premieres remain bizarre with flashing bright lights and Gray's frightened smiles.

However, toward the end, the thin boundary between reality and Gray's delusions overwhelms and confuses viewers. It also drags and becomes reminiscent of 'Phone Booth.'

'I Love Your Work' makes

viewers uneasy with great performances and authentic dialogue, but does not provoke the same discomfort in the audience as Robin Williams' performance as a stalker in 'One Hour Photo.'

'I Love Your Work', collaborated with writer Adrian Butchart, plays as a well-written and intriguing script to follow Goldberg's 1998 directorial indie debut 'Scotch and Milk.'

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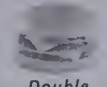
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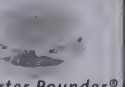
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SPORTS

UTM rowing: cold morning camaraderie

BY PATRICK OKENS

Competitive Rowing isn't for everyone. This sport demands time and energy that many students would rather spend on their studies. The dozens of UTM students who try out and make the eight-person crews each fall discover the benefits of a physical and social challenge, rowing balances their study and work time and can create lasting friendships.

No experience is required to try out for these crews. Instead, aerobic fitness, plus the ability to coordinate movements, and a willingness to buy into a two month, six day a week, 5:30 a.m. training schedule determine who makes the grade. Every year, students take up this challenge and measure themselves against other students in the Ontario University Athletics conference.

The Don Rowing Club in Port Credit provides the coaches, equipment and venue for the UTM crews. The program emphasizes the teaching of basic rowing skills, while providing opportunities to race against the novices of other Ontario Universities.

In 2003, UTM will travel to regattas in Peterborough, St. Catharines and Welland. Our goal this year is to win the Ontario Novice Championships and develop a strong base for our Varsity Program.

Graduates of the novice program fall into two categories. For most, a hard but fun fall of learning to row and to race is a sufficiently satisfying experience and allows rowers to move on to other interests. A smaller but highly energetic group get hooked on rowing and decide to pursue it year-round by using Fit Stop and rowing club facilities. They also compete in the Ontario summer circuit. In doing so, rowers are likely to meet the standards for admission to the varsity program, and for those so committed, progress to National and International competitions.

Michelle Darvill, a 1980s UTM (Erindale) graduate who was introduced to rowing at UTM, became a World and Olympic Champion in 1996. Darvill's competitive international career included membership on both the Canadian and German National Teams, winning gold medals in the single, double and quadruple sculls.

Students come to university to learn about themselves and the world. Those who have experienced the cold mornings, sunrises, blistered hands, team spirit, rough waves and smooth synchronicity of fall rowing will agree that they



UTM's novice women's eights are seen competing last year at the Olympic Baison in Montreal. The development of the novice teams provide a strong base for the varsity program. photo/Andrew Bellerby



The 'tank' is a dry land training facility located at the Don Rowing Club where UTM rowers practice and perfect their technique. photo/Andrew Bellerby

learned just a bit more than if they had only hit the books and the pubs.

First practices and tryouts begin on Monday September 8th at 5:30 a.m. at the Don Rowing Club. Selection of the crews will take place by the end of the week.

A car pool has been organized for anyone who is interested, meeting in front of the South

Building at 5:15 a.m. to catch a ride.

A final information meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Teaching Studio in Centre for Physical Education, Athletics & Recreation.

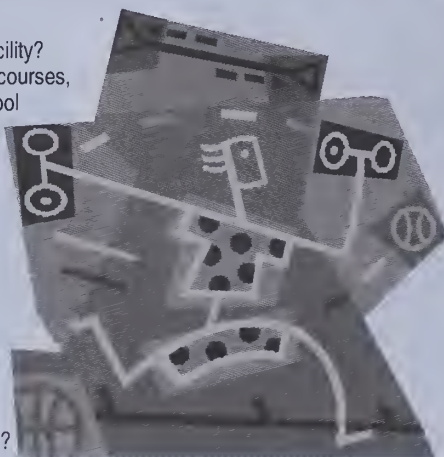
For more in formation contact Andrew Bellerby, program coordinator: (905) 569-4655 or abellerb@utm.utoronto.ca.

UTM's New Recreation, Athletics & Wellness Facility

Scheduled to open for the fall of 2006-7, planning for the new UTM facility has started the detailed design phase. Architects *Store Tilbe Irwin* have been hired to work with the planning committee to finalize the design with anticipated construction to start next summer.

What major components are being planned for the new facility?

- A 25-metre swimming pool for lane-swimming, aquafit courses, water polo, etc., plus a companion 12-seat hot/soak pool
- Two new gymnasiums, equipped for competitive & casual activities, with spectator seating for campus events
- A casual indoor track, with views into many of the other areas
- New fitness facilities that almost triple the existing space, including cardio, strength, weights and fitness-class areas
- New women's and family change-rooms adjacent to the pool area, including a women's steam room



What's currently planned for reuse from the existing facility?

- The existing gym as multipurpose space (for fitness courses, recreational & sport activities, etc., including those needing visually separate space)
- The men's change-rooms, including the existing men's dry sauna
- Reuse of existing spaces for health/performance assessment and sports medicine
- Renovations and modifications to the existing squash courts
- Reuse of existing space for team rooms (for UTM and visiting teams' and program use)
- Administrative support offices and services

Other news

- To prepare, we've started renovations and improvements to existing facilities this fall
- The new facility will be adjacent to the existing one, and to become a main thoroughfare for students entering the academic complex
- We've confirmed our commitment to a "green" building, acknowledging its contribution toward the well-being of users & the planet
- We continue to seek funding partners, but only where their requirements match those of our growing campus community
- The committee's vision for the campus remains unchanged – we still believe UTM needs an additional (fourth) gym, a fieldhouse, and an outdoor seasonal ice pad. These can be pursued as funds become available; the architect's plan will consider these opportunities

The project committee, including students, faculty and staff, will provide a community update early this fall, which will include information on the architect and design process. Thanks for your patience as we work through the details.

(Submitted by the UTM Facility Project Committee)



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WOMEN'S			
Basketball (Tri-Campus/Division Two)	Gym	Sept. 10 Sept. 16, 17, 18	5:00 – 6:00pm 5:00 – 6:30pm
Field Hockey	North Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11	4:00 – 5:00pm
Flag Football	South Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11, 15	6:00 – 7:00pm
Ice Hockey (Division One Only)	Erin Mills Twin Arenas	Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5	10:30 – 11:30pm
Soccer	North Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11, 15	5:00 – 6:00pm
Volleyball (Tri-Campus/Division Two)	Gym	Sept. 10 Sept. 16, 17, 18	7:00 – 8:00pm 6:30 – 8:00pm
MEN'S			
Basketball (Division One and Two)	Gym	Sept. 10 Sept. 16, 17, 18	6:00 – 7:00pm 9:30 – 11:00pm
Flag Football	South Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11, 15	5:00 – 6:00pm
Ice Hockey (Tri-Campus/Division Two)	Hershey Centre	Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5	10:30 – 11:45pm
Rugby	North Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11	7:00 – 8:00pm
Soccer (Tri-Campus/Division One)	North Field	Sept. 9, 10, 11, 15	6:00 – 7:00pm
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UTM's source of action

BY RISHI CHUGH

Did you play on your high school team? Do you enjoy physical activity? Want to stay in shape? If you answered yes to any of these questions, UTM Athletics offers a variety of programs to help students stay physically active and maintain a well-balanced, healthy lifestyle. In addition to recreation gym time and the athletic facilities, UTM offers students four levels of organized competition, each varying in skill level and commitment with all of them providing substance and camaraderie to a student's university experience.

Intramurals

Undoubtedly intramurals is the most popular sports program available. It offers UTM students the option of competing against other UTM students in a variety of sports, including basketball, ball hockey, indoor soccer, flag football, and volleyball just to name a few. The advantage of intramurals is the minimal commitment involved. Students participating in intramural leagues need to invest only a few hours a week. A variety of sports are offered including a few coed leagues.

Interfaculty

Interfaculty teams are similar to high school teams. During the first few weeks of each semester, tryouts are held and the best UTM athletes are selected to represent our campus against other teams from UT Scarborough (UTSC) and St. George. Given its enormous size, the St. George campus is further broken down into its smaller colleges and faculties, such as Engineering, St. Mike's, Victoria, Medicine, etc. The commitment involved is slightly greater than intramurals. Most teams practice once a week and games are also once a week. Unlike intramurals, students can also expect to play their away games at

the Scarborough campus and St. George campus, and home games at UTM. Transportation is provided for games at other campuses.

Tri-Campus

This is a relatively new program in its second year of existence. Currently only four tri-campus sports exist: men's ice hockey, men's soccer, women's volleyball, and women's basketball. The tri-campus program was brought about to help even the playing field between the smaller downtown colleges and the satellite campuses (UTSC and UTM). Similar to the interfaculty program, tri-campus teams hold tryouts and select the best athletes from each campus. The only difference is that all St. George students tryout for two teams (St. George Blue and St. George White). For example, a St. George team could be composed of students from Engineering, Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Trinity College, etc. Like interfaculty teams, tri-campus teams normally practice once a week and play games once a week at UTM, UTSC, or the St. George campus.

Varsity

Last but certainly not least, UTM is proud to offer varsity rowing. Students interested in joining the rowing team should e-mail Coach Andrew Bellerby at abellerb@utm.utoronto.ca. Varsity sports offer the highest level of competition and commitment for students (at least 10-12 hours week). With the exception of rowing, all varsity teams practice at the St. George campus. Tryouts are normally held during the summer months and early September.

For more information about any of the programs listed above, students should visit the Centre for Physical Education or the UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC).

UTM grad continues her Olympic quest

BY DARRYL SEQUEIRA

A woman of many talents, Miel McGerrigle now makes her comeback in the sport of Olympic Weightlifting after a two-year layoff. McGerrigle graduated from UTM in 2000 with a B.A. Honours degree with a double major in French literature and French linguistics and a minor in history. After being accepted into Osgoode Hall McGerrigle took time off to focus on her studies. Now, after successful completion of her law studies in May 2003, her goal is to qualify for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

McGerrigle, originally from British Columbia, started lifting in 1994. She was in gymnastics for ten years when her current coach, Peter MacDowell, came recruiting for potential athletes looking to change their direction. Along with some friends, McGerrigle went and tried out and enjoyed her new undertaking. Miel had thought she had reached her pinnacle with gymnastics, wanted to try something new. Out of all her friends who went with her, she was the only one who stuck around and kept up with it.

When Miel came to Mississauga to begin her post-secondary studies, she was pleased to find the facilities at UTM were one of the best in the region. McGerrigle and MacDowell have tried their best to maintain her high standard of training with each other being so far apart. MacDowell still resides in Vancouver so he e-mails Miel her program every week. They talk a couple of times every week and review the training regiment and set her goals for the following week.

McGerrigle's biggest accomplishment to date was her gold medal winning performance in the 1999 Pan American Games held in Winnipeg, MN. This was the first time women's weightlifting had been a full fledged sport, putting it on the world stage along with men's weightlifting. McGerrigle became the first woman to win gold in the sixty-three kilo class and held the Pan Am records until this year. "At least I'll have my name in the record books from the first time the women's event was ever held at the Pan Am Games," McGerrigle said.



UTM grad Miel McGerrigle proudly shows off the gold medal she captured at the 1999 Pan Am Games. Her next test will be the World Championships to be held in her hometown of Vancouver in November 2003.

After being accepted to law school at Osgoode Hall in 2000, McGerrigle took

time off to pursue her legal career. As her studies neared completion, McGerrigle still had a fire burning within to reach the one goal that eluded her from being a Canadian Olympian. McGerrigle found motivation from a likely source - Coach MacDowell. "My coach told me that 'everyone is entitled to at least one comeback,'" McGerrigle said. So after a two-year sabbatical, McGerrigle once again began to train in July 2002 at UTM, hoping to regain her form and surpass her accomplishments from her first go-around.

McGerrigle is not alone in her quest to become an Olympian. She joined the UTM training facility by fellow competitor, Akos Sandor. Sandor is the number one ranked male weightlifter in Canada. He has the best chance of making the 2004 Olympics for the Canadian men's team. McGerrigle and Sandor have been training together since 1996. Steve Sandor, Akos' father trains him and while maintaining a watchful eye on McGerrigle's lifting technique. He serves as a 'surrogate coach' while MacDowell resides in Vancouver. Together, McGerrigle and Akos Sandor motivate each other in their training sessions as they both focus on reaching the Olympics. "Once you go to the Olympics,

you are forever an Olympian and it's been my lifetime goal to make it to that level," McGerrigle said.

Currently, McGerrigle ranks second in Canada behind Maryse Turcotte of Montreal. The women's team stands a good chance of potentially qualifying two competitors for the Athens Games. Turcotte and McGerrigle are both in the same weight class.

McGerrigle currently is articling for a law firm in Brampton while continuing her training at UTM. She's also a former

employee of the Centre for Physical Education, working behind the Fitstop counter for three years. She is excited at the prospect of UTM getting a new Athletics and Wellness Centre. "I'm looking forward to the expansion of the facilities because of all the new equipment," McGerrigle said. "I'm hoping for a swimming pool because it's a great way to recover from training."

In the meantime, she continues to train on a regular basis with Sandor and a few new recruits at UTM.

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